

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Public Services - Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department - Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) - State Food Laboratory in the premises of the District Public Health Laboratory, Tirupati under Central Sector Scheme (CSS) - Notification - Orders- issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (H.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.16

Read the following:
Dated:24.01.2024

1. The Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.
2. The Food Safety and Standards Rules, 2011
3. G.O.Ms.No.44, HM&FW (H.1) Dept., Dt:29.03.2023.
4. G.O.Ms.No.216, HM&FW(H.1) Dept., Dt:01.12.2023.
5. From the Commissioner of Food Safety, AP e-Office file bearing Comp.No.2312949.

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ORDER:

In the reference 3rd read above, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has notified the State Food Laboratory in the premises of Regional Public Health Laboratory, Visakhapatnam to strengthen the food safety ecosystem in Andhra Pradesh under the Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for the purpose of undertaking the analysis of statutory food samples.

2. In the reference 4th read above, Government of Andhra Pradesh has notified the State Food Laboratory in the premises of the Regional Public Health Laboratory, Guntur to strengthen the food safety ecosystem in Andhra Pradesh under the Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for the purpose of undertaking the analysis of statutory food samples.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Commissioner of Food Safety, Andhra Pradesh has stated that the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) - Apex Body under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (Central Act No.34 of 2006) established by Government of India (GoI) has initiated to strengthen the Food Safety ecosystem in India by entering MoU with States. In the country, several states have strengthened two/three public health labs and converted them into State Food Laboratories to undertake analysis of statutory food samples under Central Sector Scheme (CSS). The Department of Institute of Preventive Medicine (IPM) has entered MoU with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for an amount of Rs.64.63 Cr (100% from FSSAI) FY 2023-24 in which Rs.19.88 Cr is earmarked for the proposed State Food Laboratory in Tirupati. Out of Rs.19.88 Cr sanctioned value, Rs.7.14 Cr is allocated to Basic Equipment & Sample Preparation Facility and Rs.8.46 Cr for high-end apparatus and Rs.4.28 Cr for Setting up of Microbiological Laboratory. Notification of the State Food Laboratory in Tirupati is mandatory to get funds from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under MoU. Food Testing - Infrastructure and Surveillance activities have 20% weightage in the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) releases annually by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). The establishment of another state food laboratory and notification of the lab by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) will fetch good marks and the state can climb to a good rank in the Food Safety Index.

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4. The Food Commissioner of Safety, Andhra Pradesh has therefore requested the Government to notify the State Food Laboratory in the premises of the District Public Health Laboratory, Tirupati for the entire State of Andhra Pradesh for the purpose of strengthening it under work plan 2023-24 with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), since there is no State Food Laboratory at Rayalaseema region in Andhra Pradesh to analyze the statutory food samples.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, here by issue the following notification:

NOTIFICATION

6 In exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 2.4.2.(2) of the Food Safety and Standards Rules, 2011, issued under Section 91 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (Central Act No.34 of 2006), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby notify the State Food Laboratory in the premises of the District Public Health Laboratory, Tirupati to strengthen the food safety ecosystem in Andhra Pradesh under the Central Sector Scheme for the purpose of undertaking the analysis of statutory food samples.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**M.T.KRISHNA BABU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase (Printing Wing),
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Extraordinary Gazette with a request to supply (50) copies.
The Commissioner of Food Safety, Behind CMR Handlooms, AP, Mangalagiri,
Guntur District- 522503.
The Director, Institute of Preventive Medicine, Mangalagiri,
Guntur District- 522503.
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